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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Fremont – Suspect Killed After Ambush Attack on Officer

(U) Police officers shot and killed a man in Northern California who authorities say randomly opened fire on a patrol vehicle. Fremont Police Department Capt. Fred Bobbitt said that an officer was driving back to the police station late Thursday night when a man opened fire on the vehicle. He said the officer made a U-turn and used his rifle to fire back at the suspect, who fell to the ground. Bobbitt said two other officers who arrived at the scene saw the man crawling toward his gun and shot him again.

SOURCE: 19 April 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Menlo Park – Facebook Reports Password Leak Affected ‘Millions’ of Instagram Users

(U) Facebook confirmed its password-related security incident last month now affects “millions” of Instagram users, not “tens of thousands” as first thought. Last month, Facebook admitted it had inadvertently stored “hundreds of millions” of user account passwords in plaintext for years, said to have dated as far back as 2012. The company said the unencrypted passwords were stored in logs accessible to some 2,000 engineers and developers. The data was not leaked outside of the company, however. Facebook still hasn’t explained how the bug occurred.

SOURCE: 18 April 2019, [Tech Crunch](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – More Than \$1 Million Worth of Fentanyl, Meth Seized at Border Patrol Checkpoint

(U) Salton City – More than \$1 million worth of fentanyl and methamphetamine was confiscated at the Border Patrol Highway 86 checkpoint on 17 April. A 24-year-old Mexican man with a valid Border Crossing card driving a grey Nissan Versa arrived at the checkpoint. Agents sent the man to secondary inspection where authorities found 33 packages hidden in an aftermarket floorboard located in the front passenger and rear passenger area, CBP said. The packages were examined and tested positive for the characteristics of fentanyl and methamphetamine. The narcotics seized had a combined street value of \$1,066,941. The man, narcotics, and vehicle were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for further investigation.

SOURCE: 18 April 2019, [KYMA](#)

(U) New Mexico – Rights Group Condemns US ‘Vigilante’ Treatment of Migrants on Border

(U) Sunland Park – The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico called for state authorities to investigate a small group of armed US citizens who they alleged are illegally detaining migrants entering the United States. The United Constitutional Patriots have been patrolling the US-Mexico border near Sunland Park, New Mexico, since late February in search of illegal border crossers. The small volunteer group says it is helping Border Patrol deal with a surge in undocumented migrants but civil rights organizations say it is a “fascist militia organization” operating outside the law.

SOURCE: 18 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

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(U) NATIONAL**(U) Georgia – The Weather Channel Knocked Off Air by ‘Malicious Software Attack’**

(U) Atlanta – The Weather Channel was knocked off the air Thursday morning by what it said was a malicious software attack on the network. The network's morning show was unable to go on air and viewers instead saw taped programming. The network issued a statement saying that federal law enforcement is actively investigating the issue, and apologizing for any inconvenience to viewers.

SOURCE: 18 April 2019, [CNN](#)

(U) Kentucky – US Launches Four-State Study to Find Ways to Reduce Opioid Deaths

(U) Lexington – US health officials said they will spend \$350 million in four states to study ways to best deal with the nation's opioid crisis on the local level, with a goal of reducing opioid-related overdose deaths by 40 percent over three years in selected communities in those states. Prescription opioid pain treatments and drugs like heroin and the more potent fentanyl were responsible for 47,600 US deaths in 2017 with only a small decline last year. The plan calls for the research centers to work with at least 15 communities hard hit by the crisis to measure how integrating prevention, treatment and recovery interventions can reduce overdoses.

SOURCE: 18 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Michigan – Judge Sentences Man to Life in Prison for Stabbing Policeman at Airport

(U) Flint – A Tunisian man was sentenced to life in prison yesterday for stabbing a police officer at the airport in Flint, Michigan, a decision a federal judge said was made easier by the defendant's defiant and angry remarks in court. In June 2017, Amor Ftouhi shouted “Allahu Akbar (God is greatest)” before stabbing Lieutenant Jeff Neville, who was working security at Bishop Flint Airport. Other officers wrestled Ftouhi to the ground and prevented him from grabbing Neville's gun. An FBI investigation found that Ftouhi, who lived in Montreal, Canada, had legally entered the United States five days earlier and tried on multiple occasions to buy a firearm at a gun show.

SOURCE: 18 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Congo – ISIS Claims To Have Set Up Its Own Africa Province**

(U) Bovata – A group that monitors jihadist websites says the ISIS is claiming to have established a province in central Africa. The SITE Intelligence Group reported it is the first time that ISIS has mentioned the so-called Islamic State Central African Province. Its claim came in a statement saying ISIS fighters killed three Congolese soldiers and wounded five others in an attack in eastern Beni near Congo's border with Uganda.

SOURCE: 19 April 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Nigeria – ISIS Cites 69 Casualties from Nigerian Army and African Troops

(U) Abuja – ISIS recorded 69 casualties from the Nigerian Army and troops from an African anti-militant force in attacks over the past week, the Jihadist group said in its weekly paper yesterday. Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), which split from Nigeria-based Boko Haram in 2016, has carried out a series of attacks in the last few months. In its newspaper Al-Nabaa, ISIS said its fighters killed a number of African coalition soldiers in attacks on a military barracks, a military post and a town in northeastern Borno state and the Lake Chad region.

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